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Ruan et al.
Appl. No. 09/902,883

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In re application of:

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and Method of Operating Same**

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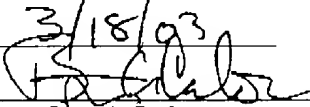
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **December 18, 2002**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 6), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

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- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendment

In the specification:

Please replaced the paragraph spanning lines 14-19 of page 1 with the following new paragraph.

This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/563,595 filed May 3, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,496,612 that issued December 17, 2002), which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/496,446 filed February 2, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,469,602 that issued October 22, 2002), which claims priority of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/155,757, filed September 23, 1999. This Application also claims priority of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/217,265 filed July 11, 2000.